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## POPULATION AND VITALS

**TABLE 1 - QUEENSLAND POPULATION**

Period	Estimated resident population '000	Natural increase(a) '000	Net migration		Increase during period		
			Interstate '000	Overseas(b) '000	Total '000	Number '000	Proportion(c) %
2004							
Sep qtr	3,905.7	6.1	7.6	3.9	11.5	17.6	0.5
2005							
Jun qtr	3,964.0	8.6	7.4	2.2	9.5	18.1	0.5
Sep qtr(d)	3,980.8	6.3	6.1	4.4	10.5	16.8	0.4

(a) Excess of births over deaths.

(b) See Technical Note Measuring Net Overseas Migration in the 3101.0 link below.

(c) The increase during the period expressed as a proportion of the population at the beginning of the period.

(d) Estimates for interstate migration have been derived from the latest census data on interstate movement in the preceding one year and unidentified information on interstate changes of address advised to Medicare Australia in the process of administering Medicare.

Source: Australian Demographic Statistics (cat. no. 3101.0).

**TABLE 2 - QUEENSLAND ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION(a) AT 30 JUNE**

Statistical Division	2000 '000	2004r '000	2005p '000	Change 2000-05(b)	Change 2004-05
				%	%
Brisbane	1,619.3	1,777.7	1,810.9	2.3	1.9
Moreton	702.0	798.9	819.0	3.1	2.5
Wide Bay-Burnett	233.3	250.9	257.0	2.0	2.4
Darling Downs	207.4	218.8	222.5	1.4	1.7
South West	26.7	27.0	26.9	0.2	-0.2
Fitzroy	180.4	188.2	189.8	1.0	0.9
Central West	12.5	12.3	12.2	-0.5	-0.7
Mackay	136.3	143.9	147.4	1.6	2.4
Northern	187.3	201.2	205.6	1.9	2.2
Far North	222.2	235.2	238.5	1.4	1.4
North West	34.1	34.0	34.2	0.1	0.6
Queensland(c)	3,561.5	3,888.1	3,964.0	2.2	2.0

(a) Estimates use the 2005 edition of the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) (cat. no. 1216.0). Estimates for 2000 are final, based on results of the 2001 Census of Population and Housing, while those for 2004 are revised estimates and 2005 estimates are preliminary.

(b) Average annual growth rate.

(c) Including Off-Shore Areas and Migratory.

Source: Regional Population Growth, Australia and New Zealand (cat. no. 3218.0).

## EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

**TABLE 3 - QUEENSLAND CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE STATUS(a)(b)**

Period	Employed		Unemployed		Total labour force				Civilian population aged 15 years and over '000
	Full-time '000	Part-time '000	Total Number '000	Unemployment rate %	Number '000	Participation rate %	Not in labour force '000		
ORIGINAL DATA									
2005									
	Mar	1,417.1	564.1	1,981.2	99.1	4.8	2,080.3	66.5	1,047.4
2006									
	Feb	1,445.3	543.5	1,988.7	130.4	6.2	2,119.2	66.4	1,071.2
	Mar	1,422.1	590.5	2,012.5	116.1	5.5	2,128.7	66.6	1,067.6
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES(c)									
2005									
	Mar	1,423.4	na	1,982.6	92.7	4.5	2,075.3	66.4	na
2006									
	Feb	1,436.5	na	1,998.0	112.9	5.4	2,110.9	66.2	na
	Mar	1,428.9	na	2,012.9	108.9	5.1	2,121.8	66.4	na
TREND ESTIMATES(c)									
2005									
	Mar	1,417.2	na	1,973.3	97.6	4.7	2,070.9	66.2	na
2006									
	Feb	1,430.2	na	2,000.0	109.3	5.2	2,109.3	66.1	na
	Mar	1,430.4	na	2,002.8	111.0	5.3	2,113.8	66.2	na

na not available

(a) From February 2004, labour force estimates have been compiled using benchmarks based on results of the 2001 Census of Population and Housing.

(b) See Sampling errors in Labour Force Survey in Key Statistics Explanatory Notes below.

(c) Revisions in Seasonally Adjusted and Trend estimates are explained in the section 'Seasonal Adjustment and Trend Estimation' in the Explanatory Notes of Labour Force, Australia (cat. no. 6202.0).

For further information on changes to ABS labour force products see the following paper: Information Paper: Changes to Labour Force Survey Products (cat. no. 6297.0).

Source: Labour Force, Australia (cat. no. 6202.0).

**TABLE 4 - QUEENSLAND LABOUR FORCE(a) - EMPLOYEES BY INDUSTRY**

Industry division	February 2005	November 2005	February 2006
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	'000	'000	'000
Agriculture, forestry, and fishing	41.0	46.5	34.4
Mining	24.3	37.0	35.4
Manufacturing	182.4	166.5	169.4
Electricity, gas and water	12.4	20.8	18.5
Construction	133.4	134.8	138.6
Wholesale trade	76.2	68.5	74.1
Retail trade	292.1	295.4	281.6
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	92.1	97.1	98.3
Transport and storage	76.8	81.9	87.8
Communication services	24.1	25.1	22.7
Finance and insurance	47.8	51.2	47.4
Property and business services	166.0	176.5	185.9
Government administration and defence	89.2	86.8	92.6
Education	135.8	146.0	140.0
Health and community services	171.1	183.9	183.4
Cultural and recreational services	44.1	44.4	42.6
Personal and other services	59.6	62.9	67.7
<b>Total all industries(b)</b>	<b>1,668.5</b>	<b>1,725.3</b>	<b>1,720.5</b>

(a) Estimates have been revised using updated population benchmarks and incorporating a minor change to the definition of unemployed persons. Detail of these changes can be found in the following article; Australia's Labour Market Statistics, April 2004, Feature Article - Technical Report: Improvements to Labour Force Estimates (cat. no. 6105.0).

(b) Estimates have been rounded and discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

Source: Labour Force, Australia, Detailed - Electronic Delivery, Quarterly (cat. no. 6291.0.55.003).

## **WAGES AND PRICES**

**TABLE 5 - QUEENSLAND AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF EMPLOYEES: TREND**

Period	Males			Females			Persons		
	Full- time adult ordinary time earnings	Full- time adult time total earnings	All employees	Full- time adult ordinary time earnings	Full- time adult time total earnings	All employees	Full- time adult ordinary time earnings	Full- time adult time total earnings	All employees
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
2004									
Nov	966.10	1,034.60	855.90	821.70	835.20	577.70	913.20	960.60	722.30
2005									
Aug	1,008.80	1,072.20	884.70	861.10	875.00	595.80	953.40	999.50	744.50
Nov	1,014.00	1,076.30	894.60	866.70	881.10	599.10	959.60	1,004.30	749.20

Source: Average Weekly Earnings, Australia (cat. no. 6302.0).

**TABLE 6 - CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, BRISBANE(a)**

Period	Food	Alcohol and tobacco	Clothing and footwear	Housing	Household contents and services(b)	Health	Transportation
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2004							
	Dec qtr	155.5	219.8	105.2	135.0	123.1	200.5
2005	Sep qtr	157.2	225.5	105.0	138.3	123.5	211.2
	Dec qtr	160.8	227.8	104.6	139.7	124.8	207.5

Period	Communication	Recreation	Education	Financial and insurance services(c)	All groups	All groups % change from previous quarter	All groups % change from same quarter previous year
						All groups % change from previous quarter	All groups % change from same quarter previous year
2004							
	Dec qtr	114.7	126.9	249.0	na	148.0	0.8
2005	Sep qtr	113.3	126.7	266.6	99.4	150.9	0.6
	Dec qtr	112.4	127.6	266.7	100.9	152.1	0.8

na not available

(a) Unless otherwise specified, base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0.

(b) Series renamed and change to composition (linked to 14th series equivalent), see Appendix 2 of Consumer Price Index, September quarter 2005 (cat. no. 6401.0).

(c) Base: June quarter 2005 = 100.0.

Note: Analytical Living Cost Indexes for Selected Australian Household Types are compiled once a year after each June quarter release of this publication. The latest update of these series, to June quarter 2003, was released in the September 2004 issue of the Australian Economic Indicators (cat. no. 1350.0). A link to this article can be found in Related Links on the ABS CPI web site page.

Source: Consumer Price Index, Australia (cat. no. 6401.0).

## BUILDING

**TABLE 7 - QUEENSLAND BUILDING ACTIVITY(a)(b)(c), ORIGINAL**

Period	Dwellings completed(d)			Value of building work completed				
	New houses no.	New other residential buildings no.	Total(e) no.	New houses \$m	New other residential buildings \$m	Non-residential building \$m	Total(f) \$m	Value of work done in period(g) \$m
2004								
	Sep qtr	7,094	3,018	10,124	1,293.3	579.7	651.6	2,749.8
2005	Jun qtr	7,433	3,182	10,681	1,578.3	599.9	810.2	3,262.2
	Sep qtr	6,203	3,395	9,617	1,324.5	843.7	999.9	3,450.6
								3,689.6

(a) The scope of building activity includes all new residential buildings; alterations and additions to residential buildings with an approval value of \$10,000 and over; and non-residential building (including alterations and additions to existing buildings) with an approval value of \$50,000 and over.

(b) Data are inclusive of non-deductible GST payable on residential buildings. See paragraphs under 'GST on Building Activity' at bottom of page.

(c) Some data items have been revised. For further information, see notes in the latest issue of Building Activity, Australia (cat. no. 8752.0).

(d) Including alterations, additions and conversions.

(e) Including dwellings created as a result of alterations and additions.

(f) Including alterations and additions (valued at \$10,000 and over) to residential buildings, which are not shown

in the foregoing columns.

(g) Including building work that is uncompleted during the period.

Source: Building Activity, Australia (cat. no. 8752.0).

**TABLE 8 - QUEENSLAND BUILDING APPROVALS(a)(b), ORIGINAL**

Period	Dwelling units in new residential buildings			Value of all residential buildings			Value of all non-residential buildings	
	Private sector no.	Public sector no.	Total no.	Private sector \$m	Public sector \$m	Total \$m	Total \$m	
2005								
Feb	2,897	17	2,914	798.0	10.9	808.8		446.3
2006								
Jan	2,011	33	2,044	528.9	14.7	543.7		477.7
	2,832	21	2,853	701.0	5.2	706.2		447.7

(a) The scope of building approvals includes all approved new residential building jobs valued at \$10,000 or more; all approved non-residential building jobs valued at \$50,000 or more; and approved alterations and additions valued at \$10,000 or more to residential buildings.

(b) Revisions to previously published statistics are included in the table.

Source: Building Approvals, Australia (cat. no. 8731.0).

## FINANCE

**TABLE 9 - QUEENSLAND HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS (OWNER OCCUPATION), ORIGINAL(a)(b)(c)**

Period	By purpose					By type of buyer			
	For purchase of newly con- structed dwellings(d)	For purchase of established dwellings(d)	Total	For refinancing of established dwellings	Number of dwellings financed	First home buyers	Non-first home buyers(d)		
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	\$'000	no.	\$'000
2005									
Feb	859	404	10,473	11,736	3,611	1,723	207.5	10,013	208.4
2006									
Jan	691	423	9,230	10,344	3,024	1,951	219.6	8,393	222.6
	908	536	11,101	12,545	3,687	2,263	215.9	10,282	216.2

(a) Excluding alterations and additions.

(b) Seasonal effects and non-seasonal volatility can cause fluctuations in data. Seasonally adjusted and trend figures can be used to take these fluctuations into account and are available on request.

(c) Revisions to previously published statistics are included in the table.

(d) Including refinancing.

Source: Housing Finance, Australia (cat. no. 5609.0).

## TRADE

**TABLE 10 - VALUE OF INTERSTATE EXPORTS AND IMPORTS(a)(b), QUEENSLAND**

Period	Total exports \$'000	Change from previous period %	Change from same qtr previous year %	Total imports \$'000	Change from previous period %	Change from same qtr previous year %
2004						
Dec qtr	r2,348,799	6.0	3.3	6,532,272	-4.5	12.4
2005						
Sep qtr	2,351,160	5.3	6.1	5,620,640	-5.4	-17.8
Dec qtr	2,585,849	10.0	10.1	5,688,532	1.2	-12.9

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(a) Interstate exports and imports are compiled using a classification based on the Standard International Trade Classification (Revision 3).

(b) In compiling the estimates of Interstate Trade for OESR, the ABS uses a partial coverage census based on businesses with more than \$400,000 of interstate trade. This collection is now under review due to frame and coverage issues. New businesses are not well represented, so the estimates are likely to be understated. The estimates are prepared for use in the compilation of Treasury's State Accounts and users should exercise strong caution in their independent use.

Source: Queensland Treasury, Office of Economic and Statistical Research (OESR).

**TABLE 11 - QUEENSLAND RETAIL TURNOVER BY INDUSTRY(a): ORIGINAL(b)**

Period	Food retailing	Department stores	Clothing & Household soft goods retailing	Recreational goods retailing	Other retailing	Hospitality & services	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
2005							
Feb	1,186.4	178.3	180.4	414.8	144.2	330.8	485.7 2,920.5
2006							
Jan	1,361.8	220.1	270.3	512.3	^152.8	334.2	641.5 3,493.2
Feb	1,247.6	184.6	196.1	458.2	^135.3	331.2	566.8 3,119.8

^ Estimate has a relative standard error of between 10% and less than 25% and should be used with caution.

(a) See paragraph 5 of the explanatory notes in Retail Trade, Australia (cat. no. 8501.0).

(b) Seasonal effects and non-seasonal volatility can cause fluctuations in data. Seasonally adjusted and trend figures can be used to take these fluctuations into account and are available in Retail Trade, Australia (cat. no. 8501.0).

Source: Retail Trade, Australia (cat. no. 8501.0).

## TOURISM

**TABLE 12 - LICENSED HOTELS, MOTELS, GUEST HOUSES AND SERVICED  
APARTMENTS(a), QUEENSLAND**

Period	Establish-ments	Guest rooms	Bed spaces	Room nights occupied	Room occupancy rate(b)	Guest nights	Bed occupancy rate	Guest arrivals	Takings from accommodation(b)
	no.	no.	no.	'000	%	'000	%	'000	\$'000
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2004									
	Dec qtr	1,010	55,473	170,636	3,432.1	67.3	6,999.8	44.6	2,563.3
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2005									
	Sep qtr	1,069	56,896	174,612	3,783.8	72.3	7,500.0	46.7	2,739.5
	Dec qtr	1,069	57,127	175,723	3,556.9	67.8	7,128.6	44.2	2,602.3
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(a) Comprising establishments with 15 or more rooms or units.

(b) Seasonally adjusted and trend figures are available for room occupancy rates and takings from accommodation in the data cube; Tourist Accommodation, Small Area Data, Queensland (cat. no. 8635.3.55.001).

Source: Tourist Accommodation, Australia (cat. no. 8635.0).

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## Key Statistics Explanatory Notes

### Sampling errors in Labour Force Survey

The estimates in **Labour Force, Australia (cat. no. 6202.0)** are based on a sample survey. Because the entire population is not enumerated, the published estimates and the movements derived from them are subject to sampling variability. Standard errors give a measure of this variability and appear on pages 27 and 28 of **Labour Force, Australia (cat. no. 6202.0)**.

The 95% confidence intervals below provide another way of looking at the variability inherent in estimates from sample surveys. The interval bounded by the two limits is the 95% confidence interval. A 95% confidence interval has a 95% chance of including the true value of the estimate.

### MOVEMENTS IN SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES BETWEEN FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2006 - QUEENSLAND

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	Monthly change	95% Confidence interval		
Total Employment	14,900	38,100	to	-8,300
Total Unemployment	-4,000	10,000	to	-18,000
Unemployment rate	-0.3	0.3	to	-0.9
Participation rate	0.2	1.0	to	-0.6

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### GST on Building Activity

Within building activity statistics, purchasers of residential structures are unable to deduct GST from the purchase price. For non-residential structures, the reverse is true. While the ABS collects all building activity data on a GST inclusive basis, it publishes value data inclusive of GST in respect of residential construction and exclusive of GST in respect of non-residential construction.

It is appropriate to add the residential and non-residential components to derive total

building activity. Valuation of the components of the total is consistent, since, for both components, the value data is recorded inclusive of non-deductible GST paid by the purchaser. As such, total building activity includes the non-deductible GST payable on residential building.

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